

education. He served for 30 years as chairman of the Trustee Board. Judge Gumbs was also active as a Master Mason with a local lodge.

My condolences go out to his wife Rachel, his children, Robina and Kelvin, his three grandchildren, his sisters and brothers, and his nieces and nephews. Judge Gumbs's legacy of service to his community will be remembered for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING STUDENTS AND
TEACHERS FROM THE UNIVERSITY
OF WISCONSIN AT WHITE-
WATER'S SYMPHONIC WIND EN-
SEMBLE

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2005

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize a talented group of students and teachers from Wisconsin whom I am proud to represent. From Les Paul to Boz Scaggs, Wisconsin has a long history of producing diverse musicians of international acclaim. Continuing this legacy, the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater's Symphonic Wind Ensemble always sets a high standard and soon it will set that standard on a much larger stage. On November 4–6, they will travel to England for the Royal Northern College of Music International Festival of Winds. The ensemble will perform at one of the most prestigious band conferences in the world.

In being invited to the festival, the ensemble will not only be representing Wisconsin but they will be the sole representative of the United States at the festival. The ensemble embodies the American values of hard work and dedication, which is a testament to their Director, Mr. Glenn Hayes. Fittingly, Wisconsin will recognize these students as Official Musical Ambassadors as they travel abroad.

While at the festival, they will receive the special privilege of instruction from faculty at the Royal Northern College. I applaud the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater's Symphonic Wind Ensemble for their accomplishments and for their contributions both to Wisconsin and the United States.

MARTIAL ARTS DAY

HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2005

Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, the National Association of Professional Martial Artists, Project Action Foundation and martial arts schools in my community recently joined together to bring attention to martial arts and the positive benefits of martial arts training.

On this day of awareness, the martial arts schools hosted open houses to provide exposure and bring attention to the art. Martial arts has a reputation for introducing and reinforcing the values of self-discipline, focus, self-esteem, while enhancing non-violent conflict resolution, self-confidence, goal setting abilities

and strength of character creating productive healthy people.

Mr. Speaker, for these reasons I ask you to join me in congratulating those in my home town of Albuquerque, New Mexico who participated in this successful celebration and commend them for the positive impact martial arts has on those who participate.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
ANN CHUDNER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Ann Chudner, devoted wife, mother, champion of social and civil rights, and friend and mentor to countless.

Mrs. Chudner was born and raised in New York City where she became actively involved in social causes when she was a young employee at Macy's Department Store. While there, Mrs. Chudner joined the union movement and took part in the first major strike against the store. Her husband, Irving Chudner, was also involved in the union movement and became a union leader with Local 1250 at Ford's Brook Park plant. She moved to Cleveland with her husband, where their focus on their son, Rick, and their dedication to causes of social justice never diminished.

Mr. and Mrs. Chudner and their son, Rick, who has followed the activism path of his parents, direct their spirit of activism throughout the City of Cleveland and the West Park community. Mrs. Chudner became deeply involved in social issues ranging from fighting against corporate tax abatement to working toward educational and recreational opportunities for youth, to supporting numerous candidacies. Mr. and Mrs. Chudner were immersed in the mayoral candidacy of Carl Stokes, helping him to win the election as the first African American mayor of a major American city. She was instrumental in the success of the grassroots campaign to save Cleveland's municipal power company from takeover by the local monopoly private electric company when I was mayor of Cleveland. She was instrumental in working with Cleveland school officials to implement the Compu-Tech program, which introduced students to computers at a young age. Mrs. Chudner also rallied against the closings of West Tech and John Adams high schools, and was a steadfast leader in the West Park Community Council, a social action group whose membership climbed to 300 during her tenure.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Mrs. Ann Chudner, whose fearless advocacy on behalf of the people of her community was framed by courage, heart and unwavering conviction in the philosophy that a unified group can affect real change. I offer my deepest condolences to her husband, Irving; to her son, Rick; and to her extended family and many friends. Her journey through life has made our world a better place, and her legacy will forever live on in the West Park community and miles beyond.

IN HONOR OF DORIS SEPTEN

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2005

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition and appreciation of Doris Septen, a dedicated employee and caring staff member of the Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey. It is with great admiration that I honor Doris today for her unwavering commitment to the VNA for the past 50 years.

Doris originally came to the association as a clerk for a fundraising consultant, the Foote System, in 1955. Since then, she has held such positions as receptionist, assistant supervisor and supervisor of the Foote Department, and senior clerk. Her warm, caring voice has greeted callers and reassured patients and their families for many years.

Through her hard work and devotion, Doris earned herself further promotions to communications operator, and customer service coordinator. Furthermore, Doris was named VNA of Central Jersey's first employee of the month in 2003. These accomplishments only further reiterate what a worthy, notable person Doris Septen is and how indispensable she has become to her organization.

Doris is a compassionate woman that is genuinely concerned with the well-being of those who rely on the VNACJ. She handles many tasks, such as tracking down nurses for patients, helping callers on the main switchboard, and facilitating the Monmouth County support staff council.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing Ms. Doris Septen for all she has done for the VNACJ community, and congratulate her on reaching the milestone of 50 years of service.

RECOGNIZING THE CAMBRIDGE
HIGH SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL
CLUB

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2005

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, for more than 10 years, the Cambridge High School Environmental Club has performed valuable community service. Their activities have ranged from collecting of old cell phones to be recycled to puppet shows that promote ecology lessons for children. The club's recent research at Custer State Park in the Badlands of South Dakota is a fine example of their desire to be active at both the local and national level. They are a diverse group of "active environmentalists" whose lives and goals are as varied as the projects that they have taken on. Living together for 14 days, the club worked as an environmental research team at Custer State Park. The club, using the advanced protocols of a professional research team, performed chemical tests and journaled about their research at night. These students have experienced a life lesson that is of far greater value than anything that could be read in a